9. Regarding foreign students, the following instructions have been issued:

(i) all the foreign students are to be screened (new and old admission).

(ii) the foreign students should subject themselves for health check to the nearest Civil Surgeon/CMOH/Suptd. of District Hospital for the purpose.

(c) and (d) Under the strategy, it has been proposed to set up one surveillance centre in each State. As present 27 surveillance centre are functioning. In addition, 4 referral centres have also been established. Depending upon the need, additional surveillance centres will be provided to the States.

Change in the Examination System

983. SHRI J.P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RECOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a research study conducted by the NCERT has suggested that continuous evaluation and frequent testing with feedback should form an integral part of the examination system in all the schools;

(b) whether all educationists and administrators have bitterly denounced the present examination system; and

(c) if so, what is the reaction of Government in regard to the suggestions and recommendations made by the study team of the NCERT?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RECOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) The NCERT has not conducted any specific research study but has convened workshops and seminars to discuss the problem. The current thinking that continuous evaluation be built into the teaching-learning process is an integral part of the National Policy on Education. (Item 8.24). This is an outcome of the wide ranging discussion and deliberations among academicians and educational administrators all over the country.

(b) Yes, Sir. Educationists and Administrators have been of the opinion that the present system of examinations suffers from many defects.

(c) As reflected in the National Policy on Education 1986 and the Programme of Action, the Government feels the urgent need to reform the examination system. Specific measures to implement these ideas are contemplated over a period of time.

Surplus Employees of Indian Telephone Industries

984. SHRI N. E. BALARAM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more than 13,000 employees of Indian Telephone Industries will be rendered surplus from its Bangalore and Rae Bareli units owing to freezing of orders by the Department of Telecommunications;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and reasons therefor;

(c) whether these employees are likely to be absorbed; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Indian Telephone Industries (ITI) is at present producing crossbar and strowger electro-mechanical switching equipment at its Bangalore and Rae Bareli factories. These equipments have become obsolete and do not meet the quality and reliability requirements of a modern telecommunication netwowrk. They are also not proving cost effective.

Accordingly it has been proposed to phase out the electro-mechanical switching equipment production at Rae

Bareli and Bangalore Units of ITI as per following programme:

Production Line	Work Force employed	Likely date of phasing out	
		Commencement	Completion
A. *Bangalore*			
1. Crossbar	2773	1987-88	1990
2. Strowger	4450	1989-90	1991*
B. *Rai Bareli*			
1. Strogwer	4222	1989-90	1991
2. Crossbar (ICP)	2024	1994-95	1996*

*NOTE : Some production will continue for supply of spares etc.

The question of setting up alternative lines of production to absorb the employees likely to be rendered surplus, including setting up of production of Electronic Switching equipment is under consideration.

New Airports in the Country

985. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any plans to open new airports in the country during the Seventh Five Year Plan period; and

(b) if so, the names of the places presently identified for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. While Government is considering the feasibility of opening new airports for Vayudoot operations, work is in progress at present on the construction of new airports at Shimla in Himachal Pradesh, Calicut in Kerala and Agatti in the Union Territiory of Lakshadweep.

Construction of Airports abroad by I.A.A.I.

986. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the International Airport Authority of India (IAAI) has been getting offers for construction of airports abroad;

(b) if so, the number of offers received during the last three years and the work taken up/completed by it; and

(c) the amount of contracts so far executed by the International Airport Authority of India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) The International Airports Authority of India has been getting offers for construction of airports abroad in the past. However, during the last 3 years, no new offers have been received by the Authority.